



REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The applicant thanks the Examiner for his consideration of the application. Claims 43-57 remain pending in the application. Claims 1-7 and 17-44 have been cancelled in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §121 and the applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional or continuation applications containing one or more of the cancelled claims. Applicant has amended claim 8 to further clarify the subject matter of the invention.

The applicant submits herewith an Information Disclosure Statement containing a listing of references cited during the prosecution of U.S. Patent No. 6,638,218 (U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/855,738) from which the current application claims priority. The applicant respectfully requests that a listing of these references be printed on any patent that issues from the present application and believes that copies of the references need not be re-submitted.

CONCLUSION

The applicant believes that no fees are due at this time. If any fees are required for the timely consideration of this application, please charge deposit account number 19-4972. All the claim rejections have been addressed herein and reconsideration of the application and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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